



U.S. Marine Corps. 1st Lt. Richard Posselt

Infantry Officer

U.S. Marine Corps. 1st Lt. Richard Posselt is a native of Crystal River, Fla. He completed his undergraduate education in 2003 at Delta State University, where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Education. While at Delta State University, Posselt played collegiate football, and was the starting running back on the team which won the Division II National Championship in 2000.

Posselt was commissioned in the U.S. Marine Corps. through the Platoon Leaders Course in July, 2003, and subsequently reported to The Basic School at Quantico, Va.

Following The Basic School and the Infantry Officer Course, Posselt was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 3rd Marine Division in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, in October 2004. During this tour, Posselt served as a rifle platoon commander, India Company, deploying first to Afghanistan in late 2004 in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. While in Afghanistan, he operated in the restive Kunar Province near the Pakistani border and fought in numerous engagements against Taliban and Al Qaeda forces.

In early 2006, Posselt deployed again as a platoon commander with India Company, this time to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. He operated in the city of Haditha in western Al Anbar province, fighting against numerous Sunni insurgent groups in this volatile city.

Posselt is married with two children.

